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In re Application of:

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FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows and consider the appended remarks:

1. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.
2. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.